other Non-aligned countries, for the attainment of an equitable and just world order.

Plight of Indian Doctors in Canada

1518. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Indian Doctors who went to Canada, are working as cable drivers and as gas station attendants and if so, what are the details;

(b) wheher they resorted to hunger strike at Vancouver and Montreal cities to protest against the cumbersome licensing procedure and if so, what are the details; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent the discrimination against the Indian doctors in Canada?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government are aware that doctors of Indian origin are working in otherf professions, pending the acceptance of their applications for grant of internship. Such applications can take from five to six years to materialise because of the limited availability of positions in Canadian teaching hospitals.

(b) A group of doctors of several nationalities including some of Indian origin, resorted to hunger strikes in Montreal (in 1989) and Vancouver (in 1990).

(c) As far as Government are aware, these doctors of Indian origin have taken un Canadian citizenship and are thereby subject o federal and State regulations and procedures prevalent in Canada. This is the problem faced by doctors of several nationalities who hold foreign medical degrees and we are not aware of any discrimination specifically directed against doctors of Indian origin.

Complaints against ..arbitrary hike in .. taxi fares

1519. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been persistent complaints from the passengers regarding arbitrary pre-paid taxi fare hikes by the Traffic Police and irrational delineation of zones in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined these complaints; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Delhi Police have received some complaints of this naturefrom the passengers. The Delhi Police have enquired into every such complaint under intimation to the complainant.

In view of the complaints that have been received, the following steps are being taken by the Delhi Police:—

(i) The Delhi Police are dropping the Zone System and the systems of Colony distance is being introduced.

(ii) The fare charges are displayed at prominent places near the booth.

Dissolution of "Warsaw Pact" and "COMECON"

1520. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the "Warsaw Pact" and "COMECON" have been dissolved; and

(b) if so, its effect on the non-alignment movement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.